



Australian Government

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

**Notification of**

**REFERRAL DECISION – not controlled action if undertaken in a particular manner**

**Moorebank Units Relocation Project, Holsworthy Training Area, NSW (EPBC 2012/6462)**

This decision is made under sections 75 and 77A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**Proposed action**

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<b>person named in the referral</b>	<b>The Department of Defence</b> <b>ABN 68 706 814</b>
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<b>proposed action</b>	To undertake the Moorebank Units Relocation (MUR) project which involves the relocation of 13 Defence Force units and four Defence Force Utilities from the Moorebank Defence site in NSW to the Holsworthy Barracks [See EPBC Act referral 2012/6462].
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**Referral decision: Not a controlled action if undertaken in a particular manner**

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<b>status of proposed action</b>	The proposed action is not a controlled action provided it is undertaken in the manner set out in this decision.
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**Person authorised to make decision**

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<b>Name and position</b>	James Tregurtha Assistant Secretary South-Eastern Australia Environment Assessments
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**signature**

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<b>date of decision</b>	9 August 2012
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**manner in which proposed action must be taken** The following measures must be taken to avoid significant impacts on

- Commonwealth action (section 28)

The person taking the action must:

1. Not clear more than 11 hectares of land containing Castlereagh Scribbly Gum Woodland within the project **site**.
2. Ensure that on every day of **construction** that clearing of native vegetation occurs, an ecologist or zoologist who has experience identifying and handling fauna that may occur on **site** undertakes a survey of these areas. If native fauna is identified within the disturbance footprint, the person taking the action must take all necessary steps to minimise harm and mortality to those animals. This may include the stopping of work until the risk of fauna harm has passed and the completion of other management actions recommended by the ecologist or zoologist.
3. Undertake ongoing and active management of weeds, within the **site**. All ongoing and active management of weeds must be consistent with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines for weed management and monitoring.
4. Prior to **construction**, install or implement **pollution** controls to prevent **pollution** from degrading water quality of dams, creeks and ephemeral and permanent waterways that may be affected by construction. The pollution controls must be maintained while there is a risk that development activities could result in **pollution**.
5. Undertake a full archival photographic record of any **fabric with heritage significance** impacted by the proposed action. The full archival photographic record must be consistent with the guidelines "**How to prepare archival recordings of heritage items**". The full archival photographic record must document the **relationship** and location of all 'P1' huts in the **Gallipoli Lines**.

Provide the full archival photographic record to the **department** prior to removing or relocating any of the 'P1' huts on **site**.

6. Retain and relocate two (2) of the 'P1' Huts within the **site**. One 'P1' Hut must be adaptively reused for **heritage interpretation**.

The 'P1' Huts must be relocated in such a way which allows for the interpretation of the **relationship** which is representative of the huts as documented in the full archival record and as directed by a **suitably qualified heritage expert**. Relocation and placement of the 'P1' Huts must not compromise other **fabric with heritage significance** or any other matters protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

7. Prepare a report about the National Service and Vietnam War era history of the **Gallipoli lines**. The report must be completed within 12 months of the removal of the 'P1 Huts' from the **Gallipoli lines** and a copy of this report must be made available to interested stakeholders within seven (7) days of request and be provided free of charge.
  8. Install interpretive signage prior to the relocation of military personnel into the new infrastructure within the Gallipoli lines. The interpretive signage must be located as close as possible and describe the configuration, history and values of the **Gallipoli Lines** consistent with, but not limited to, the full archival record and National Service and Vietnam War era report.
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9. Ensure that a **suitably qualified heritage expert** is on site during **construction** works undertaken along the Old Illawarra Road. The person taking the action must retain, store and preserve any items which have **heritage significance on site** as advised by a **suitably qualified heritage expert**. All items with **heritage significance** will be handled and stored in accordance with **best practice standards**. Any items identified for later re-use must be reinstated along Old Illawarra Road.
  10. Ensure that in the event of a “chance finding” of items of **indigenous significance** during construction, a **suitably qualified heritage expert** must undertake archival recording procedures consistent with the current *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*.
  11. Construct a new traffic intersection providing access to the Holsworthy Barracks from Heathcote Road consistent with the location and alignment outlined at Attachment A.
  12. Not relocate any Defence Force units to the **site** until a new intersection on Heathcote Road (at Attachment A) has been constructed and is fully operational.
  13. Undertake measures consistent with the criteria outlined in the **NEPM** to avoid the spread of existing contaminants on site that could facilitate increased risks of exposure to human health and natural systems.
  14. Implement an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prior to the commencement of **construction** prepared by a **suitably qualified contaminated land expert** to address potential risks and hazards associated with soil and groundwater contamination which may be encountered at the **site**. The EMP must address removal and decommissioning of underground storage tanks (USTs), appropriate characterisation of contaminants, management and disposal of waste materials, remediation of soil and groundwater contamination associated with USTs and associated infrastructure, disposal of contaminated imported fill and management of any unexpected finds during **site** works. Documentary evidence must be retained and provided to the **department** upon request.

### **Definitions**

**Best practice standards** means the **Burra Charter** which has been adopted as the standard for best practice in the conservation of heritage places in Australia.

**Construction** means any preparatory works required to be undertaken including clearing vegetation, the erection of any on-site temporary structures and/or the use of construction or excavation equipment on site for the purposes of breaking the ground for buildings, roads or infrastructure.

**Department** means the Commonwealth Department responsible for administering the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

**Fabric with Heritage Significance** means all the physical material of the place which will be impacted and which has heritage value, as noted in the Holsworthy Barracks, Gallipoli Lines Historic Heritage Impact Assessment, dated July 2012.

**Gallipoli Lines** means the precinct within Holsworthy Barracks which was established in 1950's for the training under the National Service Scheme.

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**Heritage Interpretation** means the communication of information about, or the explanation of, the origins and history of objects and sites including the significance and values using personal or non-personal methods.

**Heritage Significance** means significance to any group or community in relation to the archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific, social or technical value of the place.

**NEPM** means National Environment Protection Measures (as updated from time to time) at: <http://www.ephc.gov.au/contam>

**Pollution** means sediment, eroded material, fuel, oils or other chemicals or substances that could be mobilised into natural systems during construction.

**Site** means the area outlined in black as the MUR Project Footprint at Attachment B.

**Suitably Qualified Contaminated Land Expert** means a person or persons with demonstrated and extensive experience in the identification and management of contamination affecting soils, groundwater and surface water.

**Suitably Qualified Heritage Expert** means a person or persons with demonstrated and extensive experience in the identification and management of indigenous and cultural heritage.

**Relationship** means information which includes, but is not limited to: the spacing, orientation, alignment, elevation, colour and historical use.

**The Burra Charter** means *The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance 1999*.

**'How to prepare archival recordings of heritage items'** – guideline is available and published by the NSW Heritage Office at:  
[http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/docs/info\\_archivalrecords.pdf](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/docs/info_archivalrecords.pdf)

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Figure1: Location and layout of the new intersection on Heathcote Road.



**Figure 2: Site location of the Moorebank Unit Relocation proposal (outlined in black).**